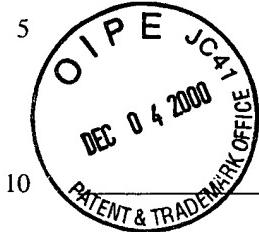


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15 Stephen P. Brennan et al.)
Application No.: 09/654,444) Group Art Unit: 2642
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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS) Examiner: Unassigned
FOR DETERMINING THE)
CARRIER USED FOR AN)
AIN CALL")

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

25 Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks:
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Sir:
30 Please enter this preliminary amendment in this application.

In the specification:

On page 2, line 21, change "SCP" to - Service Control Point (SCP) -.

35 On page 3, line 7, after "carrier," first occurrence, add - (LATA means Local Access
A2 and Transport Area) -.

A3
On page 4, line 3, change "The present invention" to - An embodiment of the present invention".

A4
On page 4, add the following text:

5 --Other embodiments of the present invention relate to a system or a method for selecting a carrier type for routing a call. Such system or method determines whether a called party is inside a local calling scope of a calling party, and, if so, selects a first carrier as the carrier type. But, if not, then the system or method selects a second carrier as the carrier type if both an originating LATA and a terminating LATA of the calling
10 party are the same. The system or method selects a third carrier as the carrier type if the originating LATA and terminating LATA are different.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention relates to a computer readable medium containing a data structure through which the aforesaid system or method may be manifested.

15 It is, therefore, a general objective of the present invention to provide a method and apparatus for determining the carrier used for an AIN call. --.

On page 6, line 7, after "AIN-equipped" insert --central office--.

20 On page 7, line 23, after "NPA-NXX" insert ^{A5} - as reflected in step 110 -. On page 7, line
24, after "carrier" insert ^{A5} - as reflected in step 115 -. A6